(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) The Postal Unions have not raised any issue regarding the formation of a Corporation during discussions so far. However, the Unions are opposing forming out some activities of postal services to private individuals and organisations on the ground that it will result in non-expansion of the department and will also adversely affect the promotional prospects of employees.

(d) The Government have received recommendations for revision of the Indian Post Office Act, 1898 from a Committee which was set up to review the present Act. A Bill to replace this Act can be finalised after Government decides on the recommendations of the Committee.

Introduction of Radio-Paging Service

2017 SHRI G. Y. KRISHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that radio-paging firms have sprung up overnight and several private companies, with no past, little present, but hopefully plenty of future have got themselves registered in different names in the hope of bagging at least one licence; and

(b) if so, which are the shortlisted firms and in which of the cities raido-paging services are being introduced and licence given to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No Sir, Department of Telecommunications invited tenders from registered Indian Companies for franchising of radio paging service on a non-exclusive basis in 27 cities. In all 83 bids were received. Out of these, 19 bidders were shortlisted on the basis of eligibility criteria. One of the eligibility condition was that the Indian company should have experience in the wide area radio paging system. In cases the Indian company does not have such experience, then it can have a foreign partner with requisite experience. All the 19 parties shortlisted met the eligibility criteria and financial tenders were issued to them. Financial tenders have since been evaluated and 15 bidders have been provisionally shortlisted. The shortlisted bidders have been asked to convey their acceptance by 11.3.1994. However, some of the unsuccessful bidders have filed civil writ petitions in the High Court of Delhi and the matter is *sub-judice*

(b) A list, indicating the names of the shortlisted bidders and the cities for which they have been provisionally shortlisted, is annexed.

Statement

List of provisionally shortlisted bidders for radio paging service (27 Cities)

S. No.	Name of the Company	Cities
1.	M/s. Arya Communications and Electronics, 105 Maker Chambers VI, 220, Nariman Point, Bombay—400021.	Bombay, Bangalore.
2.	M/s. Matrix Paging (India) Pvt. Ltd., Anil Chambers (Near Crown Mills), Andheri—Kurla Road, Sakimaka, Bombay—400072.	Pune, Vadodara, Rajkot, Surat.
3.	M/s. Telesistem (India) Pvt. Ltd., 23/1, XIth Main Road, Near Post Office, Vasant Nagar, Bangalore—560052.	Madras, Bangalore, Ernakulam, Coimbatore, Trivandrum, Madurai.

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4.	M/s. Essjay Telecom Services Pvt. Ltd., 13, Masjid Moth, DDA, Commercial Complex, New Delhi—110048.	Delhi, Bombay.
5.	M/s. India Telecomp. Telecom House, L-12, South Extension-II New Delhi—110049.	Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Pune, Hyderabad, Kanpur, Lucknow, Delhi, Madras, Calcutta.
6.	M/s. Mobile Communications Ltd., 505, New Delhi House, 27, Bara Khamba Road, New Delhi – 110001.	Delhi, Calcutta, Madras, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Pune.
7.	M/s. Hutchison Max, Telecom., 12th Floor, Devika Tower, 6 Nehru Place. New Delhi—110019.	Ahmadabad, Bangalore, Pune, Vadodara Chandigarh, Hyderabad, Ludhiana.
8.	M/s. Modi Telecommunications Ltd., 12, Friends Colony, New Delhi—110065.	Madras, Bhopal, Kanpur, Jaipur Chandigarh, Lucknow, Indore, Varanasi.
9.	M/s. Easy Call Communications (India) Pvt. Ltd., LB/5, Anjal Bhavan, 16, Kasturba Gandhi Marg., New Delhi – 110001.	Calcutta, Hyderabad, Nagpur Indore, Bhopal, Vishakapatnam Patna.
10.	M/s. Microwave Communications Ltd., 1202, Chiranjiv Tower, 43, Nehru Place. New Delhi – 110019.	Bombay, Calcutta, Vadodara, Ahemdabad Surat, Rajkot.
11.	M/s. ABC Communications (India) Pvt. Ltd., 44B, Nariman Bhawan, Nariman Point, Bombay—400021.	Delhi, Kanpur, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Varanasi, Ludhiana. Amritsar.
12.	M/s. Usha Martin Telecom Ltd., 503, Hemkunt Chambers, 89, Nehru Place. New Delhi – 110019.	Nagpur, Rajkot, Ernakulam, Indore, Coimbatore, Bhopal-Varanasi, Patna, Madurai, Vishakapatnam
13.	M/s. Weston Pagers Pvt. Ltd., Weston House, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi – 110020.	Kanpur, Nagpur, Surat, Jaipur, Vadodara, Chandigarh, Rajkot-Lucknow, Vishakapatnam, Trvandram
14	M/s. BPL System and Projects Ltd., 64 Church Street, Bangalore—560001.	Ernakulam, Trivandrum
15.	M/s. Belcon Telecommunications Ltd., J-189, People, Co-operative, Lohianagar Patna – 800020.	Surat, Nagpur, Patna, Ludhiana Amritsar.

Procurement of changed number Announcing Machines

2018. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of changed number announcing (CNA) machines procured by the Department of Telecommunications so far and the capital outlay involved therein;

(b) the names of the firms which submitted tenders for these machines and were shortlisted and with whom order was placed ultimately and the number and lines thereof; and

(c) the cities where these will be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS